

Did You Know—Jan 11, 2023

1. **Present at Teach CTE Summit.** Share your recruitment and retention expertise and at ACTE's Teach CTE Summit, happening **June 27 to 29** in St. Paul, Minn. This event addresses the critical issues that impact the recruitment and retention of CTE educators and will highlight promising practices with a PreK-12 and postsecondary focus and the use of presentations on national models, interactive discussions, and expert panels. Registration is now open, and the deadline to submit a proposal is **Jan. 17**. [Learn more.](#)
2. Check out this **Educational Technology Blog**—you can sign up for their newsletter and get the information sent directly to your email! [ISTE](#)
3. [What is Snopes and How Can It Be Used to Teach? | Tech & Learning \(techlearning.com\)](#) One great medical-related snopes “news from 2022” talks about how Flawed Research Can Harm Your Health: [Medical Expert: Flawed Research Can Harm Your Health | Snopes.com](#) This is a great way to teach fact-checking to students.
4. And on a similar topic: [For Teens \(and Adults\) Fighting Misinformation, TikTok Is Still 'Uncharted Territory'](#) is a great read about how misinformation continues to spread.
5. *Walk this way.* Lots of **activities can spark your creativity** – walking is one of them. In a [series of experiments](#), researchers gave volunteers two creativity tests: Guilford’s alternate uses test, which asks the participant to come up with as many uses for a single object as possible; and the remote associations test, which is a word association test of sorts. People scored higher on both tests when they were walking outside or on a treadmill. “Whether one is outdoors or on a treadmill, walking improves the generation of novel yet appropriate ideas,” the researchers write, “and the effect even extends to when people sit down to do their creative work shortly after.” They acknowledged that more research is needed to see how this effect translates to people with limited mobility. But it’s not just walking. Other research has found that creativity is sparked by everything from [getting enough rest](#) to [taking a shower](#). Creativity can strike in many different ways, as long as we create the space for it.
6. Tech centers listed as top workplaces. Three Oklahoma technology centers were among The Oklahoman’s list of top workplaces. [Central Technology Center](#) was No. 5 among mid-sized businesses, and [Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center](#) was No. 5 among small businesses. [Meridian Technology Center](#) was also among the mid-sized top workplaces. Read more about the 2022 Top Workplaces project on [The Oklahoman’s website](#).
7. **Hearts for Health.** Our aim is to help the pre-health community access resources that cultivate their interests and enrich their pre-health journey.

This includes our Virtual Shadowing program (shadowing.h4h@gmail.com) where speakers from various healthcare specialties discuss their journey and clinical practice. Our virtual shadowing sessions are live streamed weekly every **Monday** and **Thursday at usually 7pm CST** on our YouTube page (linked under my signature). Shadowing sessions are **completely free, and no sign-up is required!** Attached to this message is a PDF which further explains how to obtain shadowing credit, quiz deadlines, socials, etc. We would greatly appreciate if you could pass along these opportunities and the attached flyers to your students. In addition, if you would like to be added to our listserv for information about future sessions, please let us know.

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8. Have you ever had that student that was **just right in the middle**? Not a high achieving student, not a student who has behavioral issues and taking a lot of your attention, they're just right there in the middle?
In this video we're going to challenge you to carve out 5 minutes this week for a simple challenge that will be a win for you, your students, and their families. [Watch the video.](#)
9. What do you know about "financial literacy?" Right now, those of you with credit card sticker shock from the holidays are saying....."don't remind me!!" All Oklahoma students are required to take a financial literacy class by the time they graduate from high school. We've even incorporated it into our high school "capstone" course. But what about News Literacy? [Watch this quick 30 second video](#) that explains why we need to teach students about credible sources. Look for more information as the **National News Literacy Week** happens January 23-27, 2023 including lots of ways for educators, students and the public to get involved! In the meantime, check out these [classroom tools](#)!
10. **Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos-backed** foundations join others in making \$75M investment into brain-computer interface startup Synchron ([More](#)) | **Company has** already begun clinical trial to allow **severely paralyzed patients to communicate via thought-to-text** without requiring open brain surgery ([More](#))
11. **Using the Chrome Browser to the Best of It's Ability.** Join Deb Norton as she shares **how to use the Chrome browser and a Chromebook** to it's fullest potential with time saving tips and techniques. Watch this free 30-minute [training here.](#)
12. Looking for a meaningful indoor activity? Maybe you're wanting to fulfill a lifelong dream to **learn Spanish**? Look no further than our **FREE** self-paced course based on the highly acclaimed 52-episode *Destinos* video series!
Destinos is an educational program full of mystery and intrigue, specially designed to help viewers learn Spanish. Episodes originally aired on Public Television in the 1990s. Although it was eventually discontinued as clothing and hair styles became outdated, this series remains popular, and it is still used in many schools across the country. Most of the related textbooks and workbooks are now out of print, but many can be found online. The ctYOU.org "Learn Spanish" site places links to the videos and curriculum materials in one convenient location!

To begin, log in to ctYOU.org, look for the "Learn Spanish" section on the home page, and then click to enroll in Part 1 of the course. If you do not have a "ctYOUUser" ID, you can create an

account for free. You can also navigate to the course from the home page by clicking RESOURCE CENTER > Learn Spanish.

This learning series is great for workgroup lunch-and-learns, professional development, and personal growth. For information about setting up a group learning site or completing the course on your own, [send an email to ctYOU@careertech.ok.gov](mailto:ctYOU@careertech.ok.gov).
[Learn more about *Destinos* on Wikipedia.](#)

13. **To all HCP Contacts (if you do not provide Nurse Aide testing – please disregard):** There have been a few questions regarding the Training Program Binder information that went out in December. I have spoken with the NAR to verify some of the requirements:
 1. It mentions having the Clinical Skills Exam in the student file. As you all know, we do not keep testing records with training records. NAR says you can put a sheet in the file where the instructor is requesting the student test and that can serve in place of the clinical skills packet.
 2. It mentions having the Training Verification Form or letter in the student file. As you all know, in many cases this will also be in the testing record as well. As long as you have information that the final versions are housed in the testing record, you should be fine too. Please continue to store testing-related materials and results in the testing files only.
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